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1. The port of Durres can now accommodate seven cargo vessels of 4,000 tons each at the same time. Ships without cargo or with light cargo can lie alongside the dock, but heavy cargo has to be loaded or unloaded by lighters. There are five "torpedo boats" and five mine sweepers in the port area.
2. Mined and fortified areas include those north of Patku, the beach of Durres, and south of Karavasta. Soviet authorities have made no changes in the mined and fortified areas at Milot, Pllanes and Librazhd. Artillery here (sic) is of caliber 75/27 and 24/16.
3. Vlone is under the command of Colonel Kazanov, a Soviet officer. Port defenses are constructed of reinforced concrete, stone and concrete, and sometimes of stone and earth. Known artillery calibers are 75/27, 149/31, and 24/6. Certain 10/12 caliber guns are reported.
4. Shengjin and Sarande cannot take ships alongside the docks. Loading has to be done at least 100 meters from shore because of shallow waters.

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